Icon-ic Gilbert

Gilbert is turning 100 years old on July 6th, 2020. Join us as we celebrate all year long, sharing tributes to our past and the vision for our future.



















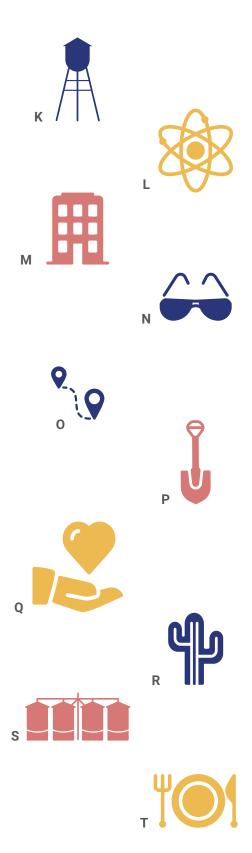




Directions: Match the icon with its meaning.

- 1. Gilbert got its start as a farming community. In fact, it was once known as the Hay Shipping Capital of the World.
- 2. We're building new things every day and these big machines make it much easier to lift heavy objects high in the sky.
- 3. We understand the value of education. Gilbert is home to three public school districts and two universities.
- 4. Four types of these can be found in the lake at Water Ranch. It makes for a popular pastime at the Riparian Preserve.
- 5. Gilbert got its nickname as the Hay Shipping Capital of the World for shipping hay to US army horses during World War I. Horses don't wear shoes, but they do wear these.
- 6. We get 300 days of this a year in Gilbert, but too much of it can burn you.
- 7. Arizona is known for growing these sweet and juicy treats. Our desert climate is the perfect place for them to flourish.
- 8. Gilbert's beautiful weather means that our residents are outdoors a lot. You'll find plenty of people riding these all year long.
- 9. Gilbert had an estimated population of 865 people in 1920. Today, it has closer to 250,000 people. It's a great place to call home!
- 10. The Riparian Preserve isn't just for fishing. The desert oasis is home to all kinds of wildlife, including over 200 species of these feathered friends.

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- 11. Gilbert has grown so much in its first 100 years, and we're not done yet. We're "breaking ground" on new projects all the time.
- 12. Business is booming in Gilbert. From local shops to global companies, Gilbert is home to a wide variety of industries.
- 13. We're on a path to becoming the *City of the Future* and that often means embracing the latest technology that will help get us there.
- 14. Gilbert resides in the Sonoran Desert, which is the only place you'll find this majestic plant, which can live to be 150 175 years old.
- 15. Kindness is at the "heart" of everything we do in Gilbert. That's how our town earned the nickname Kindness, USA.
- 16. With all the sunny days, you'll see plenty of people wearing these around town.
- 17. These large structures near Higley and Elliot Roads are empty now, but serve as a reminder of Gilbert's agricultural roots.
- 18. There's no shortage of restaurants in Gilbert. Whatever kind of food you're craving, you are almost guaranteed to find it here.
- 19. From a small town to a thriving community, Gilbert has officially put itself on the map.
- 20. This iconic structure was built in 1927. Located in the Heritage District, it's become a trademark of our town.